

**Amendments to the Specification:**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

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According to another embodiment, a method for more evenly distributing particulate matter in a flowing exhaust gas across a particulate filter involves deflecting some exhaust gas away from a point immediately opposite the stream inlet. The deflector is in the shape of a cone or frusto-cone, wherein the deflector comprises a flow through substrate comprising at least two channels which are parallel to one another.

Please add the following headings and paragraphs at page 4, line 18:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

In order that the invention may be more fully understood, embodiments thereof will be described by reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a schematic sectional view of an exhaust system including a filter and a deflector according to one embodiment according to the present invention;

Figure 2A is a schematic cut-away view of a second deflector embodiment for use in the present invention comprising a Corning Contura™ substrate;

Figures 2B, 2C are schematics of two Contura™ substrates, each substrate being disposed in a diffuser section having cone of different cone angles;

Figure 2D is an alternative substrate to Figures 2B and 2C comprising a dome shaped front face disposed in a diffuser section; and

Figure 3 is a schematic view of a third deflector embodiment for use in the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the paragraph at page 8, line 5-21.